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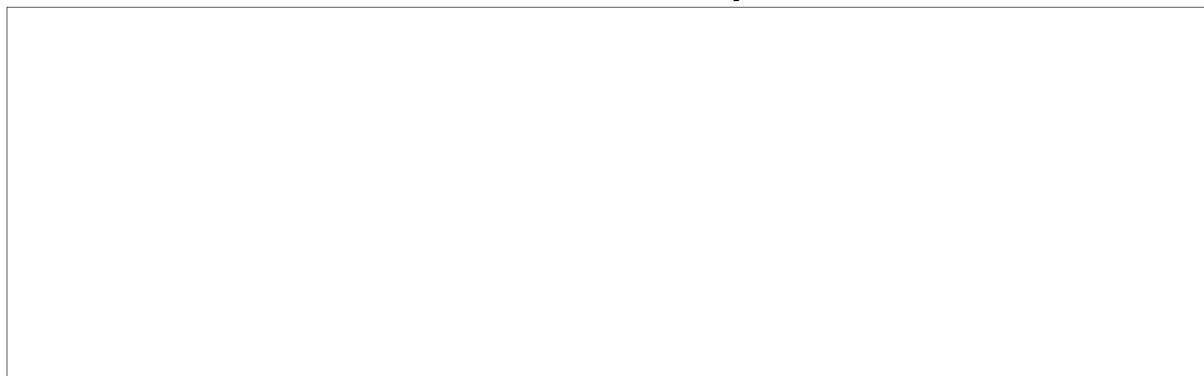


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IRAN-LEBANON: Support for the PLO

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*Iran sees military support for the Palestinians in Lebanon as a way to strengthen its claim to be the chief defender of Islam.*

The Iranians have strong links to Lebanese Shias, the country's largest religious group. Tehran has been the principal financial supporter of Amal, the Shia militia in Lebanon.

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Comment: The Iranians will emphasize their readiness to enter the fighting as compared with the response of Saudi Arabia and other moderate, pro-Western regimes.

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VENEZUELA-GUYANA: Territorial Dispute

*//The Port of Spain Protocol that provided for a 12-year cooling-off period of the dispute over the Essequibo region expires today, and the bilateral negotiations that begin again next week are likely to be difficult.//* [ ] 25X1

//If the two nations cannot reach a solution by 17 September, the dispute will be referred to the UN for adjudication. According to the US Embassy, Venezuelans believe that the negotiations will lead nowhere because neither Caracas nor Georgetown, for domestic political reasons, can afford to make the concessions necessary to reach an accord.// [ ] 25X1

//A close political adviser to Venezuelan President Herrera told the press on 7 June, however, that Caracas could not realistically hope for all of the Essequibo and should begin to consider its minimum demands for a "practical political solution." A Guyanese Embassy official in Caracas reports that Guyana is considering offering an area near the Orinoco Delta, which Georgetown believes Caracas wants for access to the Atlantic, in return for some Venezuelan land.// [ ] 25X1

Comment: //Guyana will have a negotiating advantage over Venezuela because it already possesses the territory. The beginning of the election campaign in Venezuela in a few months will make it harder for the Venezuelan Government to negotiate without opening itself up to charges of selling out.// [ ] 25X1

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